

A

REVIEW

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BRITISH NATION.

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THINGS and PERSONS divide the World; your Hera'ds, Antiquaries, and Historians, give you an Account of Persons by Genealogy and History — I take the same Method, I am giving you the Genealogy of *Things*, as they do of *Men*, the History of them will follow.

I went back in my last to the beginning, as the properest Way to deduce Things right, and form clear Ideas of what is before us — I brought in *NECESSITY* as the great Parent of *Invention*, that being Married to *Poverty*, *this* was their only Son.

INVENTION had many Children of some of which I have given you the Genealogy down to our present Time; I come now to another Line deriv'd from the same Parent.

Till the Days of this old Patriarch, *Invention*, Men liv'd scatter'd up and down in the World: Their Number not being great, and the Surface of the Globe large, they had no need to jostle one another, Quarrel for Sheets, or dispute about Property; but as *Abraham* said to *Lot* when their Herdsmen fell out, *The Land is before us*, go you that Way, and I this Way, all the Country was their own: But as at the
Time

Time which I am speaking of, the Numbers of the Inhabitants began to Encrease upon the Earth, and the Ground began to be taken pretty well up, so that frequent Bickerings hapned among the Jangling Race; *Invention*, who had many Sons, found it necessary to Model Mankind for the Advantage of Posterity; I have nam'd three of his Sons by his first Wife, viz. *Industry*, *Ingenuity*, and *Honesty*, whose Families and Histories may all come to be spoken of in their turn: He had by a second Venture, a Son, whose Name was *SOCIETY*, and his Mother's Name was *Convenience*; this *Society* prov'd a very great Prince, and was the first that form'd Men into Nations and Kingdoms, and taught them how to live together, flourishing and easie; infusing into them Principles of Safety and Peace: He liv'd to a great Age, and tho' his Scheme of Managment was first Patriarchal, yet he left Instructions with his Son, to put an end to that kind of Rule, as not so well adapted to Great and Populous Nations, and to Erect such Schemes and Regulations as he should leave them, Seal'd up, which he left in a Golden Book, lock'd up with a shining Key; the Book was called the *Book of Policy* and the *Key Prudence*.

He left one only Daughter, whose Name was *Justice*, she was born blind, but had the Eyes of her Intellectual Part so much the more clear; and she Married a Neighbouring Prince of great Sagacity and Reputation, whose Name was *Wisdom*, they liv'd a great while together, and the World flourishing and Encreasing much under their Conduct — They left all their Subjects and Dominions to the joint Possession of their two Sons, *Government* the Eldest, and *Law* the Youngest, and leaving but one only Daughter, whom they call'd *Property*; they left her to the Care of her two Brothers, giving them a strict Charge of her Preservation and Defence.

LAW — liv'd long a single and independent Life, was the Favourite of all the just Nations and just Princes of his Time, and left behind him one only Child, *CONSTITUTION*, who is still alive, having

a Numerous Issue of hopeful Children — Such as *Baron* the Eldest, *Freeholder* the second, *Prerogative* the third, *Liberty* the fourth, *Privilege* the fifth, *Claim of Rights* the sixth, and *Parliament* the seventh — which seventh Son being by Custom of Birth Entitled to do strange Things, has obtain'd the Title of *Doctor of the State*.

GOVERNMENT was the Eldest Son of *Justice*, the Daughter of *Society*, which was the Son of *Invention*, which was the Son of *Necessity* — as aforesaid — I am the rather explicit in the Genealogy of this Famous Person, because some People having no Knowledge of his History, have plac'd him among the Gods, have fancy'd him come down from the Skies, and to be of a meer Divine Original — But the Ancients appear to be of another Mind, who say, that Man being Created upright, and afterwards falling from the Rectitude of his Original State, yet had no Rule of Government given him in either; in the first, being not Subject to Error, he stood in no need of any Rule from without, having an Inherent Perfection in his Soul, which led him naturally to every right Object by proper Means; that after he degenerated, when he had from Heaven Laws given him for his Behaviour towards his Maker, and towards his Brother; the *Government* of himself in *Society*, was left to his own Reason, to frame upon Foundations of Safety, Property, Defence, and publick Peace, circumstanced, extended, or restricted, as the Accidents of his Posterity should require — And as Justice and Wisdom directed — *Government* being thus discover'd to be Lineally descended from *Wisdom* and *Justice*, its immediate Parents, the Original of it is no more a Mystery, and its Divinity appears to be a Fiction only of the Moderns, Calculated for their private Designs, to carry on the Projects of Tyrants and Oppressors, and support the Ambition of Men.

But to return to the Genealogy of Things as above; *Government* has left several Children, such as *THEOCRACY* his First-born, a Prince, under whose happy, tho'

soo shore Reign, the World flourish'd Wonderfully, and Men Universally submitted to the immediate Commands of their Maker, who delighted to dwell among them, Ruled them by his wife Power, reposed among them, had his Court, his Pallace, and the great Officers of his Household in daily Waiting, and both Guided and Guarded them himself, so that the Nation he vouchsafed to Visit in this Glorious manner, were the Terror of the World—His Punishments were mercifully Severe, and tenderly just; his Smiles were the immediate Prosperity of his Subjects; no War could molest them, but he fought their Battles, was their King and their Captain, when Faction and Parties began among them, when Nature Rebel'd against Principle, and *Korah, Dathan, and Abiram*, who the Ingenious Mr. *Fleming* has unanswerably prov'd were *Tories*, and Rebel'd in the meer Quarrel of *Hereditary-Rights*, rose up against his Dominion, he Treated them like what they were, and destroy'd them with the Blast of his Mouth, which we Translate Fire from Heaven.

But alas! these happy Days lasted not long; the Corruption of the Times drove them into meaner and baser Views, and they deposed their Maker, on pretence of *Male-Administration*: Soon after which, *THEOCRACY*, the Eldest Son of Government slept with his Fathers, and was buried in the Ark of God.

But Government had several other Children, such as *Monarchy, Aristocracy, Oligarchy, and Democracy*, of all which I may speak in their turn; but as of him that has made most Noise in the World, I shall say most at this Time, and this is *MONARCHY*.

MONARCHY succeeded young to the Power of his Father Government, and in his Youthful Excesses fell into bad Company——There goes a Story of him, That walking all alone by the Bank of the River *Euphrates*, while his Brother *Theocracy* was yet alive — The Devil appear'd to him, and prompting him with the Hope and Ambitious Expectation of Sovereignty, told him if he would make a Compact with

him, he would put an End to the Kingdom of his Brother, and make him Sovereign of the whole World.

The Ambitious Youth gladly listned to the pleasant Story of Universal Rule, and gave himself entirely up to the Direction of his new Instructor, the Devil; the Compact was Reciprocal and in short, *viz.* That HE, *Monarchy*, should be absolute Governour of the whole World, have all Men Subj-cted to him, should make his Will their Law, and be the Universal Lord of Mankind, from Sea to Sea, and from the Rivers to the Ends of the Earth——On the other Hand, as he was to owe all this to his new Benefactor, the Devil, so he was to oblige himself to set up his said Benefactor in all his Dominions, to be Worshipped as a God, under such borrowed Names and Title, as HE (*Sathan*) shou'd direct him.

Thus the Agreement was made between them, *Sathan* Erected Absolute Government in Favour of young *Monarchy*, and Absolute Government Erected Idolatry in favour of the Devil, its Founder; to corroborate this new Alliance, says *Sathan*, I change thy Name; *Thy Name shall no more be Monarchy, Thou shalt be called Tyranny*; whence the Ancients assure us, that *Tyrannus* was Latin for a King for many Ages, till the Modern Use of the Word left it out of the Vulgar Acceptation, and History tell you of several Tyrants of *Scicily*, who were good and just Men.

In recompence of this new Honour done him, says *Monarchy*, Thou, *Sathan*, shalt be Worshipped under the Name of *BELUS*, the first great Idol in the World, who was afterwards call'd *Baal* in the Eastern Countries, from whom *Sathan* took afterwards the Honourable Sir-Name of *Beelzebub*——From whence the Idol *Bel* was also named in the Temple of the *Affyrians*, and the God *Saturn* in the *Pamtheon* of the Ancients, who was the Father of *Jupiter*; and of all the Gods (*Anglic'd Devil*) which Men Worshipped for many Ages of the World.

Whether this Story shall pass for Authentick, or no, I am not much concern'd, but

but as Mr. *Asgil* says, in his Story of flying to Heaven, it it be a Lie, I defy all the Clan of Hell to form a Lie so like the Truth, as this is, for I know no true Original

of Tyranny but the Devil, nor any Government so Calculated to propagate Idolatry as Unlimited Monarchy, that is Tyranny.

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